

PUBLIC NOTICE

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)
Bureau of Land and Waste Management
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Columbia, SC 29201
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NOTICE OF 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON A DRAFT HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT MODIFICATION AND BROWNFIELDS VOLUNTARY CLEANUP CONTRACT

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) invites your participation concerning a proposed permit decision in conjunction with a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract. A draft hazardous waste permit modification has been written by DHEC under the South Carolina Hazardous Waste Management Regulations and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 11-4981-NRP, will affect approximately 15.9 acres identified by tax map number 472-00-00-014. The City of North Charleston (City) will take ownership of the property from its current owner, Joint Base Charleston – Air (JBChs-Air). The property in question is referred to as Area of Concern (AOC) S in the JBChs-Air Hazardous Waste Permit. The Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and the City. The permit modification is between DHEC and JBChs-Air.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract has the following conditions:

- The City intends to construct a portion of their Public Works Department on the property. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow the City to acquire the property as a “Brownfields Site” because of the potential for environmental pollution. The City did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.
- DHEC will not hold the City responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, the City will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.
- Under the proposed contract, the City will sample the groundwater and report the results from the property. If significant contamination is found, the City will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

The draft permit modification recommends the following:

- Change to the conditions pertaining to AOC S so as to incorporate the city of North Charleston’s responsibilities after taking ownership of the parcel.

The draft permit modification and voluntary cleanup contract are open for public comment from August 8, 2011 to September 23, 2011. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. Public comments on the proposed contracts help DHEC balance the environmental and redevelopment issues in the best interest of the state. DHEC encourages all interested persons to participate in this permitting/contracting process.

Written comments on the draft permit modification or requests for a formal public hearing must be submitted no later than September 23, 2011 and should be addressed to Richard Haynes at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at: haynesra@dhec.sc.gov. All written comments received by September 23, 2011 will be considered before a final permit decision is made. If a public hearing is requested and scheduled, notice will be given at least thirty days in advance.

Any written comments on the voluntary cleanup contract must be submitted no later than September 23, 2011 and should be addressed to Jerry Stamps at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at: stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov.

Requests to be placed on a facility mailing list for notification of future public notices by DHEC's Division of Waste Management should be made in writing to the attention of Norma West at the above DHEC address or by e-mail at: westnj@dhec.sc.gov.

The draft permit, permit application and other related information are available for review through September 23, 2011, at the following locations:

Bureau of Land and Waste Management
8911 Farrow Road, Columbia, SC 29203

SC DHEC, Region 7 Office
1362 McMillan Avenue; Suite 300
Charleston, SC 29405
Phone: (843) 953-0150

This public notice, the proposed voluntary cleanup contract, and a fact sheet concerning the property in question (AOC S) may be viewed through September 23, 2011, on DHEC's website at: http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/public_notice.asp. Please share this notice with anyone you know who may be interested in this matter.